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CATTLE DISEASE NO
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal received from Kerala for constructing permanent check posts in border districts as part of controlling cattle disease is pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether the Government is aware that various epidemics of cattle are spreading through inter-state transportation of cattle; and

(d) if so, the preventive action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control the disease of cattle?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Department has not received any proposal from State Government of Kerala for constructing permanent check posts in border districts as part of controlling cattle disease.

(c) & (d): Inter-state transportation of infected animals including cattle helps in further spread of animal diseases from one state to another. As per the information received from Director of Animal Husbandry, Kerala, outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) that occurred in Kerala during December 2013 was due to the entry of infected animals from neighbouring states into Kerala. In order to control the disease, cattle movement across the border check posts was restricted and strict vigil was introduced at the check posts so as to prevent entry of the any infected animals. Only animals vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease 21 days prior and duly certified by veterinarian were allowed entry into the State.

Government of India has enacted an Act namely, 'The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009' which provide for the prevention, control and eradication of infectious and contagious diseases affecting animals and for prevention of outbreak or spreading of such diseases from one State to another. Under Section 43 of the said Act, State of Kerala has already framed the rules for checking inter-state movement of animals in order to prevent the spread of animal diseases.

Moreover, in order to supplement the efforts of State/Union Territory Governments in prevention, control and containment of animal diseases, Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC)'. Under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), one of the components of 'Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC)', funds are provided to states/ UTs for immunization against economically important diseases of livestock.To prevent economic losses due to FMD, an intensive Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP) is also being implemented in States/ UTs of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh (16 districts), Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. FMD-CP has been further expanded to Rajasthan and the remaining districts of Uttar Pradesh in February, 2014. Besides, the vaccination is also carried out against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR)and Brucellosis Control Programmes. A new component namely Classical Swine Fever Control Programme has also been launched since February, 2014 for control of Classical Swine Fever in pigs with initial focus on North-eastern States.